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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroshi YAMANE et al. Conf. 5695

Application No. 10/766,910 Group 1725

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS
CASTING OF METALS

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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May 9, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 9, 2005,
for which the period for response has been extended one month,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached which follows the signature
page of this paper.